

Oaks Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

# Oaks Notes



## Acorns on the Ground

The Peace of Our Lord Jesus Christ  
be With Each of you!

I am grateful for the opportunity to be with the people of Oaks Christian Church during this time of transition. I look forward to a fruitful time of sharing God's love and Word with each of you.

A time of interim ministry is a unique time in the life of a congregation because it offers people an opportunity time to focus on special tasks which often lead to new directions and new spiritual growth.

- During this is a time of transition, we will continue to help each other "grow up into Christ".
- We will continue to help each other refine our skill of recognizing God's presence and power as we seek to share God's love with each other and people from this community.
- We will take some time to think about who we are as a congregation.
- How has God uniquely designed this congregation?
- In what ways has He gifted the people of this congregation?

- We will take time to remember, celebrate, and give thanks for the ways God has remained faithful in guiding this congregation in the past. We will help each other place our trust and hope in the Lord as He guides us into the future.
- Together we will generate all kinds of questions that will help us determine where the Lord might be leading Oaks Christian Church.

The Good News is that we don't make the "agape" journey alone during this time of Transition. God is continually present within and around us. God loves us and desires the very best for this congregation. He has poured His love into our hearts and has equipped us to be His people in this time and this place!

A memory verse for the month:

"God says, I know the plans I have for you; plans to prosper you, not harm you, plans to give you a future and a hope..." Jeremiah 29:11

I look forward to getting to know each one of you. It will be a blessing to me discovering the unique ways God has created and gifted you.

God's Blessings  
of Peace and Joy,  
*Pastor Linda*



*Oaks Christian Church is a family church that loves to share God's word, God's Love, and God's fellowship with the world. We are a church in the near inner loop that strives to be a helpful part of the community. We are about Deep Christian spirituality, a true community and a passion for Justice. We celebrate communion every Sunday service and all who believe are welcome to receive.*

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# MAY 2011

Disciples of Christ - Bound Together in Love

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Bread Sunday	2	3 CWF -Visitation	4	5	6	7
8 Mother's Day Reception for Reverend Linda Hopkins	9	10 Prayer Circle CWF -Love Meals	11	12	13	14 Oaks Golden Travelers
15 Graduation Sunday	16	17 CWF - Set Up for Dinner Theater	18	19	20 Dinner Theater 6:30 p.m.	21
22	23	24 CWF -General Meeting	25	26	27	28  FREE LITE LUNCH SATURDAY
29	30 Memorial Day Church Office Closed	31 CWF - Service				
<b>Scripture for April:</b> Week One: Acts 2:1-14a, 22-32; Psalm 16; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31 Week Two: Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19; 1 Peter 1:17-23; Luke 24:13-35 Week Three: Acts 2:42-47; Psalm 23; 1 Peter 2:19-25; John 10:1-10 Week Four: Acts 7:55-60; Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16; 1 Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-14 Week Five: Acts 17:22-31; Psalm 66:8-20; 1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21						

## Schedule of Events

- May 1 - Welcome Reverend Linda Hopkins
- May 3 - CWF-Visitation 1p.m. Meet for lunch at 11a.m.
- May 8 - Mother's Day and Reception for Reverend Linda Hopkins
- May 10 - Prayer circle 9:30 a.m.
- May 10 - CWF - Service and Love Meals
- May 14 - Oaks Golden Travelers - Liberty
- May 17 - CWF - Set up for Dinner Theater
- May 24 - CWF - General Meeting -

Covered Dish 6:00 p.m.

- May 31 - CWF - Service
- May CWF Hostess, Dorene Drake

### MAY BIRTHDAYS:

- 6 - Stephen Rasco
- 7 - Kylie Huey
- 7 - Michael W. Rasco
- 13 - Sara Simons
- 14 - Debbie Cody-Holland
- 14 - Lara Rasco
- 18 - Matt Scantlin
- 29 - Glenn Doremus

### MAY ANNIVERSARIES:

There are no May Anniversaries

Church Office Closed on Fridays.

- Sunday School begins at 9:30 a.m. and Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.
- If you have something for the calendar, or if we missed your birthday or anniversary, please let the Church Office know.
- Reverend Linda Hopkins will be out of the office most Tuesdays.

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**Announcements, Nurturing Updates, Easter Photos, Thank You Notes, Church Attendance and Treasurer's Report**  
**ARTICLES ARE DUE NO LATER THAN LAST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH AT NOON!**

### Transformational Study

Two sessions of the Transformational Study have been completed and I'd like to offer one more chance for those that were not able to attend the two sessions, to attend one more session. It is a 6 week study and I am willing to meet whenever it is convenient for those wanting to commit to the study. The next step is to get a consensus from those that have participated in the study to commit to becoming a Transformational Church, that is, to strive to live our personal lives as Christ-like and to work in our church to make it more Christ-like in spreading God's love to the unchurched in our community. Please let me know if you are interested so that we can continue in the process.

*Barb Scantlin – Chairman of the Board*

### Nurturing Updates for May

Kathy Sanders

Kondi Williams (Anne Hudson's daughter)

Betty Bell's daughter-in-law

Teresa and Marion Dixon

*Barb Scantlin*

**Oaks  
Easter  
Bunny  
4-24-11**



It was like an Oaks Reunion! Only a few days before her death Mother enjoyed a phone call with Billie Murray when Mother "caught up" on how everyone was doing in her "Oaks family". We will always be grateful for your sweet Christian compassion for reaching out to our family in our times of need!

*In Christ's love,  
Johnny, Becky, Jennifer  
"The Sullivan Kids" and our families*

### THANK YOU To: Oaks Christian Church

I would just like to take this time to say thank you. Thank you for the graduation gifts and your blessings along with your support through my educational journey. You all have seen me grow a great deal over the years! I've completed yet another milestone! However, my journey does not stop there. Thank you.

*Neecy Washington*

### Church Attendance and Treasurer's Report

#### April Church Attendance

Attendance for the Month of March	Sunday School	Church Attendance
April 3, 2011	18	52
April 10, 2011	16	55
April 17, 2011	16	81
April 24, 2011	18	(Sunrise 30)+72
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>260</b>

#### From the Treasurer - Dorene Drake

Operating Account 2011	Amended February	March	April
Deposits	8239.48	8823.50	\$9,296.55
Disbursements	9619.30	7268.56	6070.76
Difference	(1379.82)	1554.94	\$3,225.79

### THANK YOU To: Oaks Christian Church

Thank you for all of your love, support and blessing through the years. It means the world to me and I will appreciate all of you always. I will cherish you love and support forever and carry it with me forever as I move forward into the next stage of my life. Thank you.

*Emily Simons*

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## Oaks Christian Church

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### FOOD NEEDED FOR MANNA'S PANTRY

**For more information  
Contact**

**Billie Murray  
(281) 448-1667**

#### **Items Needed:**

Peanut butter,  
can or powdered milk,  
can soup, spaghetti or  
noodles, can meat and  
can potatoes.

**Open Mon, Tues and  
Thurs 9:30 a.m. –  
11:30pm.**



### Prayer Circle

Every Second Tuesday of the Month  
9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. in Kirchner Hall.

Everyone Welcome!

*Don't worry about anything, but pray about everything. With  
thankful hearts offer up your prayers and requests to God.  
Philippians 4:6*

### Board Happenings -

**Barb Scantlin, Board Chair - Friendly Reminder:**

There will be a General Board Meeting, May 10, 2011 at  
6:00 p.m. There will be NO Executive Board Meeting for the  
month of May.

Thank you.